

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) An integrated computerized system having one or more computer devices for preparing for the accomplishment of a task, said system comprising:

a training module selectively executed by the one or more computer devices for providing interactive training to a user regarding how to perform said task, for generating project information for performing said task, ~~tracking training said user has received for performing said task~~, and for ~~selectively~~ transmitting to another module of the integrated system said project information relating to training said user has received for generated for performing said task;

an estimating module dynamically executed by the one or more computer devices for receiving said project information generated by the training module, for estimating the cost of ~~at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task~~ accomplishing said task from said project information, for tracking said cost and said project information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services for performing said task, and for selectively transmitting to another module of the integrated system information relating to ~~at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services~~ said cost and said project information for performing said task; and

a purchasing module selectively executed by the one or more computer devices for receiving said project information and for providing means for purchasing at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services for performing said task and contained in said project information.

2. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said training comprises on-line multimedia exercises.

3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising user input information relating to said task, said user input information for use in said estimating module and said purchasing module.

4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said training module allows said user to compile and edit a task specific database of materials and supplies required to perform said task.

5. (canceled)

6. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said estimating module allows said user to estimate the cost of personally obtaining said materials and said supplies required to perform said task.

7. (previously presented) The system of claim 6, wherein said services relate to professional services to accomplish said task.

8. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, wherein said purchasing module further comprises means for providing a dynamic comparison of said cost of professional services to said cost of obtaining said ~~material~~-materials and said supplies to allow said user to evaluate whether any savings that are incurred by personally performing said task are justified.

9. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein said purchasing module comprises an on-line link to said materials on a retailer's site.

10. (canceled)

11. (canceled)

12. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said purchasing module allows a user to contact a professional to perform said task.

13. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said system is implemented as an integrated Internet site.

14. (currently amended) A method of preparing for the accomplishment of a task, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving user input at a computer system, said user input including information pertaining to said task;

selectively training a user through a training module of said computer system regarding how to perform said task, said training utilizing said user input;

selectively tracking ~~said training received by~~ said user input and said information pertaining to said task;

generating project information using said user input and said information pertaining to said task;

selectively transmitting said generated project information relating to said tracked ~~training-user input and said information pertaining to said task~~ to any other module of said computer system;

estimating the cost of completing said task including at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task, wherein the step of estimating is performed by a estimating module of said computer system using said project information;

selectively tracking information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task;

selectively transmitting information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task to any other module of said computer system;

electronically determining by the computer system whether to perform said task or to have said task performed professionally, wherein said determination comprises:

~~accessing electronically the tracked training to determine whether the user has completed trainings relevant to the performance of said task, wherein the tracked training information is utilized in both the estimation and purchasing modules~~ comparing the cost of completing the task with the cost of having the task performed professionally;

purchasing at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task using said transmitted information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task; and

realizing performance of said task.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of training is interactive based on said user input.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said method comprises on-line multimedia exercises.

17. (canceled)

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 14, further comprising
compiling and editing an electronic task specific record of materials and supplies required to perform said task; and
~~updating~~ updating and utilizing said electronic task specific record in said step of estimating and said step of purchasing.

19. (canceled).

20. (canceled).

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 18, wherein said estimating module allows said user to estimate the cost of obtaining said materials and said supplies for performance of said task by said user and to estimate the cost of professional services required to perform said task .

22. (canceled).

23. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein said step of electronically determining comprises comparing said cost of professional services to said cost of obtaining said material and said supplies to evaluate whether any savings are obtained by said user performing said task.

24. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said step of purchasing utilizes a purchasing module allowing means for purchasing said materials needed for said task.

25. (currently amended) The method of claim 24, wherein said purchasing module comprises an on-line link to said materials ~~of~~ on a retailer's site.

26. (canceled).

27. (canceled).

28. (previously presented) The system of claim 25, wherein said purchasing module allows a user to contact a professional to perform said task.

29. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein said method is implemented as an integrated, interactive Internet site.

30. (currently amended) A computer program product for implementing within a computer system a method for initiating the accomplishment of a task, said computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium for providing computer program code means utilized to implement the method, wherein the computer program code means is comprised of executable code for implementing the steps for:

gathering and storing information pertaining to at least one task and provided at least in part by a user as user input;

executing a training module to selectively train ~~a~~ said user regarding how to perform said task;

generating project information by said training module utilizing said user input;

tracking and selectively transmitting ~~training said project~~ information provided to said user generated by said training module;

executing an estimating module to estimate the cost of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task based upon said project information generated by said training module;

comparing the cost of performing said task by said user with the cost of having said task professionally performed;

tracking and selectively transmitting cost information;

executing a purchasing module to enable the purchasing of at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services for which the estimating module estimated the cost.

31. (canceled).

32. (canceled).

33. (canceled)

34. (currently amended) A method of preparing for the accomplishment of a task, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving user input at a computer system, said user input including information pertaining to said task;

selectively training a user through a training module of said computer system regarding how to perform said task, said training utilizing said user input;

~~selectively tracking said training received by said user;~~

generating project information utilizing said user input;

selectively transmitting said project information relating to said ~~tracked training~~ user input to any other module of said computer system;

estimating the cost of at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services required for said task, wherein the step of estimating is performed by a estimating module of said computer system utilizing said project information generated from said user input;

selectively tracking information relating to at least one of (i) said materials, ~~and~~ (ii) said services required for said task, and (iii) an estimated cost thereof from the estimating step;

selectively transmitting information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task to any other module of said computer system;

determining by said user whether to perform said task or to have said task performed professionally, wherein said determination is based at least in part on electronically accessing the information relating to ~~said tracked training to determine whether the user has completed trainings relevant to the performance of said task~~ at least one of (i) said materials (ii) said services and (iii) said estimated cost thereof from the estimating step;

purchasing at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services required for said task using said transmitted information relating to at least one of (i) said materials and (ii) said services; and

realizing performance of said task.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said step of training is interactive based on said user input.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said method comprises on-line multimedia exercises.

37. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, further comprising compiling and editing an electronic task specific record of materials and supplies required to perform said task; and

updating and utilizing said electronic task specific record in said step of estimating and said step of purchasing.

38. (previously presented) The method of claim 37, wherein said estimating module allows said user to estimate the cost of obtaining said materials and said supplies for performance of said task by said user and to estimate the cost of professional services required to perform said task .

39. (previously presented) The method of claim 38, wherein said step of electronically determining comprises comparing said cost of professional services to said cost of obtaining said material and said supplies to evaluate whether any savings are obtained by said user performing said task.

40. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said step of purchasing utilizes a purchasing module allowing means for purchasing said materials needed for said task.

41. (previously presented) The method of claim 40, wherein said purchasing module comprises an on-line link to said materials of a retailer's site.

42. (currently amended) The ~~system~~method of claim 41, wherein said purchasing module allows a user to contact a professional to perform said task.

43. (previously presented) The method of claim 34, wherein said method is implemented as an integrated, interactive Internet site.

44. (new) The system of claim 1 wherein the training module receives user input relating to said task to be accomplished and automatically generates at least a portion of said project information including at least one of (i) materials and (ii) services necessary to accomplish said task.

45. (new) The system of claim 44 wherein the user may modify said project information at any time in said training module, said estimating module and said purchasing module, by providing additional user input relating to at least one of:

- specifics about said task to be accomplished to allow said project information to be more refined;

- specifics about exact materials desired to be incorporated into said task to refine said project information; and

- specifics about materials already in the possession of said user, wherein said specifics about said materials in the possession of said user are used to modify said project information so as to allow said estimating module to eliminate said materials from said estimated cost and said purchasing module to eliminate said materials from a purchase, wherein said materials in the possession of said user include at least one of:

- tools necessary to accomplish said task;

- supplies necessary to accomplish said task;

- hardware necessary to accomplish said task;

parts necessary to accomplish said task; and

components necessary to accomplish said task.